

Complaint policy created,

Insures student rights

by Brian Bergsetter

SAC administrators, along with ASSAC government leaders and faculty advisors, are creating a formal student complaint policy to go into effect by June.

Under the proposed system, which has not yet been finalized, a student can file a complaint form stating the right he believed was violated and the policy or regulation which states that right granted by the RSCCD Board of Trustees.

Isabelle Rellstab, vice president of Student Affairs, or a person from her office, shall then present the charge to the faculty member involved. If the staff member feels he has made no error, the disagreement will be carried to a special committee for further study.

After investigating the case, the committee will make a recommendation. If the student accepts the decision, the complaint will be considered closed.

Should the student be unhappy about the committee's verdict he may take the matter to Rellstab. If Rellstab concurs with the committee's resolution, the problem can be taken to John E. Johnson, president of SAC, for his review and decision. The student may still be unsatisfied and may bring it to the RSCCD Board of Trustees, which has the final say.

The committee in charge of receiving complaints will consist

of three administrators, three instructors and five students. A person to head the committee will be appointed but cannot vote.

Not all the voting members will hear each complaint. One administrator, one instructor and one student will be assigned by the chairperson to act on each petition.

A time line procedure will be involved for filing. The form should be filed with the student affairs office within 14 days of the action alleged to have deprived the student of a right.

The blueprint for the proposal was the result of a self-study committee's recommendation that SAC have a formalized student complaint policy. Previously, disagreements were handled on an informal basis.

That committee made some suggestions and input was further increased through a student affairs committee. The proposed plan is now being scrutinized by the ASSAC leaders for further ideas.

One comment received by Robert Naughton, ASSAC senator, was that the system might only act as a hand slapping process, and that the committee will not give justice to the student.

Rellstab disagrees. "I don't see it as a hand slapping function. The original plan came from consultants and some work came from the Student Affairs

staff. We're concerned with due process and all possible avenues and they're open to do this."

Naughton also feels the procedure can be beneficial, but only if students use it when their rights have been infringed. "Students should use the system effectively and productively, but they should find out about it first. It's not a whim to be played with but a process to be used. It's for Joe Student, who

complained that he had no voice in government, but now he has."

The new procedure, when finished, will appear in the student handbook.

Student complaint forms should not be confused with Advisory Guidance Forms. The purpose of an AGF form is to ask for an exception to a procedure, such as changing a grade or waiving a requirement.



SWEET SUCCESS -- The forensics team placed second in overall team competition at the Governor's Cup Invitational debate sponsored by Sacramento City College, last week. Speakers kneeling (l) Kris Iwerson, Karen Beckelhymer, Lucy Diaz. Row 2 (l) David Lane, Stan Scott, Leighton Harrison, Art Nieto, Richard Pattison, Mike Wilson and Bob Sparks. The team will participate in the Cerritos College Invitational Tournament today and tomorrow.

(photo by Chris Ablott)

\$600,000 lost

Enrollment dips 4 per cent

by John Barna

Spring enrollment is down four per cent from the fall, but the full impact of the decline will not be felt until next year because the budget for the 1977-78 school year is based upon this year's attendance.

SAC has lost nearly 2,000 anticipated students this academic year, thus being deprived of almost \$600,000 in state aid. This is about a seven per cent drop in average daily attendance, but other schools fared even worse. Enrollment was down from five per cent in Pasadena to 15 per cent in the Cerritos and Citrus college districts.

Dr. Harold Bateman, dean of Admissions, forecasts a brighter picture for the future. "I anticipate that enrollment will start to turn around in the college credit areas and there will be an increase of two to three per cent."

While Dr. Bateman concedes that reversing the downward trend won't be easy, he predicts that SAC will succeed. He explained that, in a turn-around year, there must be an increase in new students.

SAC lost 1,000 students over last spring's figures, which means that 500 new students will be needed to maintain the present enrollment level. The number of persons enrolled, through late registration, is nearly 15,000.

Dr. Richard Sneed, vice president of Academic Affairs, had indicated, prior to the commencement of this semester, that the course offerings would be pared in the hope that the 180 classes that did not meet the 15-student minimum, as required by the district to justify the cost of instruction, would not be repeated. Dr. Sneed stated that 100 fewer courses were listed in the current class schedule, leaving the total number at 1,400.

The decline has also affected teacher hirings. "There were no additional instructors hired," said Dr. Sneed. This means that, although instructors

were obtained for courses not offered in the fall and to replace those teachers leaving (i.e. on sabbatical), there were no new additions above those required by the district.

Dr. Sneed explained that "enrollment is troublesome up and down the state. Everyone is concerned with it." He was puzzled, not so much by the decline, but by the fact that so many diverse areas showed decreased enrollments. Rural areas with primarily agricultural influences were down, as were urban areas with industry and large populations, he said.

"Why?" Dr. Sneed asks. There are few hard answers. One factor is the economy of Orange County. The unemployment rate dropped to five per cent in January, well below the state and national averages. The upswing in the economy has produced a job increase of 6.9 per cent in the past year, according to the State Employment Development Department. In the past, high unemployment reinforced rising enrollment, but the new increases in employment have influenced the first enrollment drop at Orange County schools in 30 years.

While the economy is one factor, the declining birth rate is another. There are fewer and fewer children to fill the county's classrooms every year.

Whether the downswing will continue or the future will show the anticipated moderate growth of around three per cent, no one seems to know. Next fall's enrollment will be closely watched by school officials.

Campus News Briefs

Vets must file SAV

Veterans must remember to file SAV no. 2, class schedule, with the Veterans Affairs office before Feb. 22. Those who don't face curtailment of benefits.

The SAC Veterans Association will meet Wednesday, Feb. 23 at 5:45 p.m. in the Faculty Lounge above the Bookstore.

ASB appointments made

Presidential appointments were cleared by the ASSAC Senate last Monday. Robert Naughton was okayed as the Commissioner of Communications and Laurie Black was confirmed as Commissioner of Activities. Michael Tryk and Dave Vetter were both approved as Senators. John Stetz was elected by the Senate to succeed Lucy Keaz as President Pro Tempore. Diaz resigned the post to assume her newly-elected position as president to the Inter-Club Council.

Tutor positions available

The Learning Center is accepting applications for Learning Assistants (tutors).

Applications are available from the Senior Tutor in the center, located on the second floor of Nealley Library.

Applicants should keep in mind that enrollment in Special Services 100, ticket no. 5113, is required.

Russian music to be presented

The Troika Balalaikas will perform Russian folk music for your enjoyment in Phillips Hall at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18. The concert will be free of charge.

Beekeeping is sticky business, but profits sweet, says farmer

by Dave Busch

"Beekeeping is really a dying art - not that many people who keep bees today actually know what they're doing."

Instructor Morris Ostrofsky was explaining the purpose of



Continuing Education's beekeeping class as he bare-handedly removed the lid of a box-shaped hive to reveal rows of honeycomb covered with worker bees.

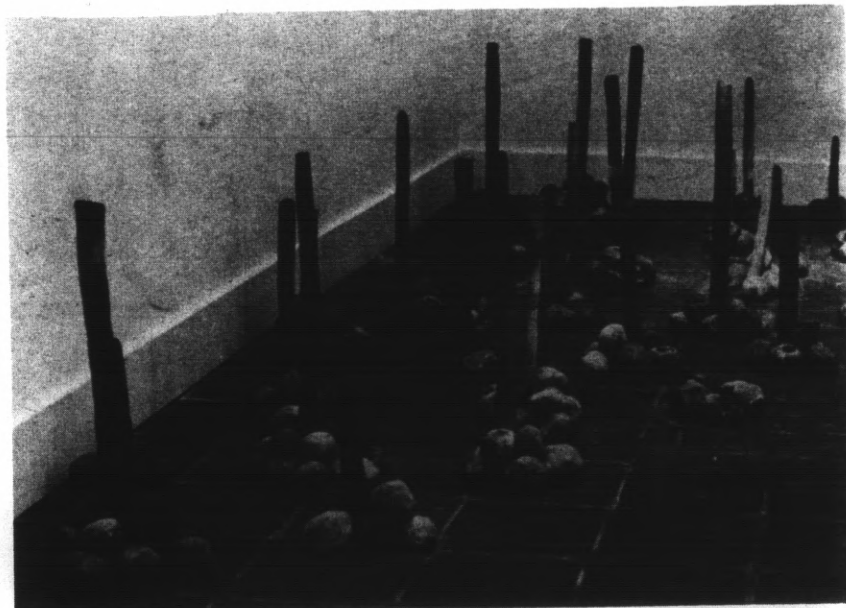
Nonchalantly pulling out a frame crawling with the buzzing insects, he demonstrated that the "artists" aren't dying from bee stings. "Look at this!" he exclaimed. "I just put this frame in here two days ago, and they've already got honey in here!"

Ostrofsky says he was first stung with "Bee Fever" about five years ago when a college roommate came back from the swap-meet with a dust-covered volume entitled *The ABC and XYZ of Beekeeping*. It wasn't long before his first colony, tucked away in a backyard organic garden, grew to 60 hives and a busy bee supply company operating out of the garage.

Claims Ostrofsky, "Beekeeping is probably one of the few things where, in addition to being an enjoyable hobby, one can conceivably, with a \$50 investment, double his money in a year. Not only that, but a hive could last for 20 years."

Admits Ostrofsky, "Getting people over their natural fear of bees" is one of his biggest problems. Therefore, he has designed the Tuesday night class at Saddleback High School so that, by the use of a slide series, a person can take the course and never get near a swarm.

Ostrofsky says for some, an occasional sting might even be beneficial. "It has been discovered that bee venom therapy is actually a cure for arthritis," said the bee farmer. "It's something the AMA has suppressed for a long time."



CLAY ILLUSIONS - Sticks and Stones will be on display in the Santa Ana College Art Gallery as part of "Definition Clay L.A." until March 11. Open weekdays, the gallery is in the Humanities Building. (photo by Jim Reamy)

Mime show slated at Chapman Friday

by Michael F. Murphy

Silence is golden we all know, but Lotte Goslar's Pantomime Circus gives it style and form.

Goslar has been called the greatest dance clown in the world. Her show features such numbers as "Grandma Always Danced", in which she portrays a woman from infancy to old age. *Dance News*, a New York magazine, had this to say, "With spare mime and utter guilelessness she presents the changing values of the passing years until old age slows and stills her creaking steps."

The performance is to be held at Chapman College auditorium Feb. 19 at 8 p.m. Although presented by SAC Community Services, Chapman College's facilities were chosen due to the larger accommodations available. Admission will be \$2 for adults, \$1 for students and senior citizens.

The superlatives used by critics from Berlin to New York

to describe Lotte Goslar's performances are unsurpassed. Clive Barnes of the *New York Times* wrote, "Miss Goslar is understandably a cult, for she is one of the funniest things on legs and has the kind of sweet nature that lights up even the footlights." German reviewer Gerhard Wandel said of her Berlin performances, "Refreshing in spirit, witty, delicious - these are the adjectives to describe Lotte Goslar's Pantomime Circus..."

The Pantomime Circus' U.S. tours have included appearances at the American Dance Festival in New London, Conn. and 11 engagements at the Jacobs Pillow Dance Festival.

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Black identity explored in linguistics, theology, art

"If you wanted jive talk you should have invited Richard Pryor."

Linguist Ernie Smith lectured SAC students on "ebonics" - black street language, and Bowers Museum featured "Black Expressions in Music" during Black Student Union (BSU) sponsored Black Culture Week. Music for the event was courtesy of the 2nd Edition.



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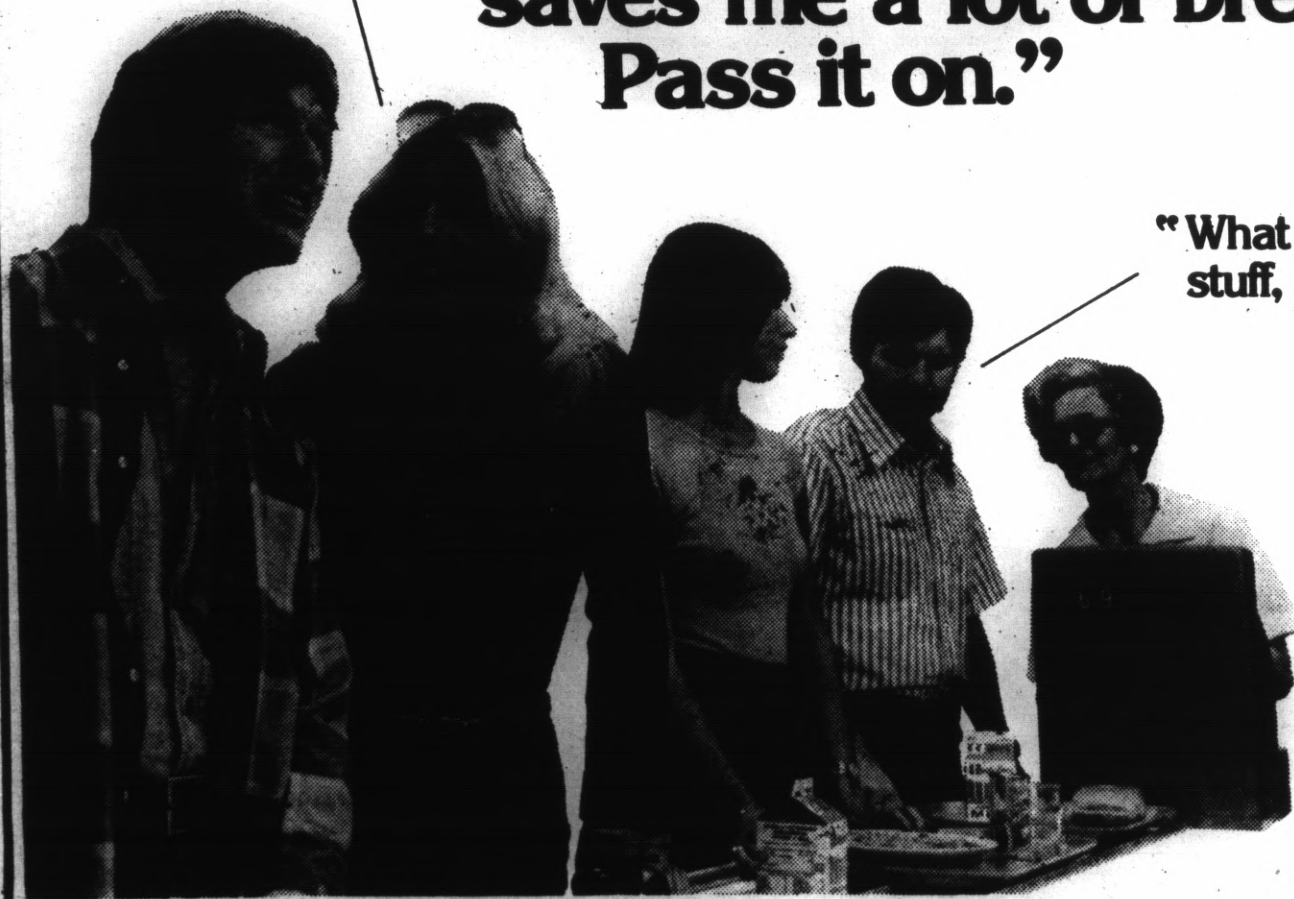
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Good news travels fast.

Giving yourself a pay hike is a bad joke while America takes an economic beating

by Kim Kavanagh

Last week on "Good Morning America," William Buckley Jr., debating with Ralph Nader, said, "It is not a job to get rich in."

The occupation he alluded to was U.S. legislator. Unless either house votes it down, members of Congress, high government officials and federal judges will be collecting an average pay increase of 28 per cent on Feb. 20.

For example, legislators are currently receiving \$44,600 annually, but that would be raised to \$57,500.

Buckley's statement was in error, for congressmen and senators are certainly on the way to becoming very well off, to say the least.

President Carter backs up the pay hike, but only if his new code of ethics is adopted, including full disclosure of financial holdings and elimination of outside employment for officeholders. This is faulty reasoning because a code of ethics either works or doesn't, regardless of financial considerations. A raise will not affect the morals of the "crooked" politician.

The basic argument of those favoring the increase is that inadequate pay tends to discourage exactly the kind of people government service

should attract. But the magnetism of public office should not be monetary, and if money is the prime consideration of government employees, it is doubtful they will work for the average person, but for the mighty dollar instead.

Aside from their yearly incomes government officials receive ample allowances for travel expenses, medical bills, postage, office space and staff.

Therefore, the 28 per cent pay hike to our "American Royalty" would be for other essential needs, like a new boat, better publicity in elections or maybe a third family car.

When the average American makes less than half a congressman's present salary, it is hard to justify such a massive increase.

Property taxes are booming, the energy crisis is here, unemployment is rampant, inflation is a constant threat to the consumer and medical bills are monstrous. In the midst of all this, our government officials are accepting a pay raise.

The government is really setting a great example in this "new era of frugality and changing values."

Complaint policy includes students



SAC students will soon have a place to go and complain. What about? According to Dr. John E. Johnson, president of SAC, any action the student feels has violated his or her rights.

If a problem arises between a student and a teacher or a student and a SAC organization (i.e. the Learning Center), a complaint committee will assist in resolving the conflict.

el DON commends the administration of SAC for taking this step toward the realization that students are entitled to full protection from unjust treatment.

Under a proposed plan, the committee membership will include three administrators, three instructors and five students. A non-voting chairperson will most likely be appointed.

From this pool, an administrator, an instructor and a student will be selected by the chairperson to act impartially on each complaint petition.

There is a possibility that the ASSAC president, Chris Miller, might be responsible for the appointment of the student members of the committee. If that's the case, el DON urges his careful consideration of the selection method he will use and the criteria for the positions.

A truly representative cross-section of the student body must have the opportunity to participate. It would not be in the best interest of all students if every one of the appointees comes from the circle of students presently active in student affairs.

Miller can more accurately define the true nature of the entire student body by looking outside student government for some of his potential appointments.

The establishment of the complaint committee affords students at SAC an excellent opportunity to review and evaluate the policy and behavior of the college structure in day-to-day situations. This chance to open up the workings of the school and expand the student's role in the administrative procedure must not be squandered.

Dr. Johnson predicts the project will be "wrapped up" in a few weeks. el DON applauds the swift action in getting this idea in working order and recognizing, in the process, the right of students to be included.

el DON hopes intelligent appointments are made on all levels and that the committee will have the energy to work effectively.

However, unless the general student population is aware of and takes advantage of the complaint procedure, it will be a lost cause.

Students must use the tools available to them for the protection of their rights from abuse by individuals or programs within the college community. The formal complaint policy is a fine tool, but only if utilized.

Amendment. Any publisher must now, at least in Ohio, conform his product to the standards of the community, whether he likes it or not, or else risk being thrown into jail.

Free speech censored

by John Barna

Another tactic used by the zealous prosecutor in the Hustler case was "shopping" for a trial site. Hustler is published in Columbus, but the jury delivered the conviction in more conservative Cincinnati. Flynt was sentenced to seven to 25 years in prison and fined \$10,000, the maximum penalty allowed under the law.

The tactics used to convict Flynt are intended as a warning to others who deal in the skin magazine trade.

Shopping for a trial site and involving a highly onerous law of "organized crime" shows flagrant disregard for the First

The First Amendment guarantees a person the right to free speech. As Ohio views the situation, they want to define what your free speech can consist of in a magazine.

For the First Amendment to have any meaning at all and not become a mockery that is laughed at by the self-righteous who intend to save us, all forms of free expression must be allowed, not just those that are safe or pleasant. To deny every viewpoint is called censorship.

Deirdre West Concretes often seem very important -- Are they worth compromising values?

Personal values versus concrete facts -- in life today, these two are often at a conflict and it is usually hard to determine which is actually more important to our lives or self-images.

In the many areas of living, we are constantly at strife with ourselves over issues that may appear to challenge our very essence. Conflicts arise over issues small and large, from sex and love to education and work. Are we better in jobs that we do not enjoy but that may lead to a lifestyle that we desire, or should we aim to achieve that lifestyle only through acceptable methods?

President Jimmy Carter lately faced one of these decisions, on the importance of the value over the concrete, but at a national level. When Russia threw out a news representative from Moscow he had several courses of action available. The Carter Administration could have done the usual -- nothing -- or he could have reacted negatively, and/or violently -- which he didn't.

The ousting of the Soviet reporter from Washington was not a threat or a putdown of the people or ideas of the U.S.S.R., but, rather, the only method open to demonstrate that the U.S. does not have to take, and will not take, trash from anyone just for the sake of the rivalry.

Detente, while important, did not scare Carter into submission to actions that would only hurt the image of the country from outside or inside.

Hustler magazine publisher Larry Flynt was convicted Feb. 8 in Ohio of engaging in "organized crime" and "pandering obscenity," that is, selling material judged to be obscene.

Both the methods used by the prosecuting attorney and the implications of the trial for First Amendment freedoms are deplorable.

Flynt, whose magazine features photographs of nude women, was prosecuted under a new Ohio law that became effective in January of 1974. It defines "organized crime" as a syndicate formed to commit a crime. A syndicate is defined as "any group of five or more persons who collaborate to commit an offense for profit."

The Supreme Court has declined to set a national standard for obscenity and has allowed the states to set their own guidelines. Thus, any group of narrow-minded political officials can decide what can and cannot be sold. Publications produced and circulated in largely urban centers will have to gain the approval of conservative, rural juries before they can be distributed nationally.

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Sports staff tackles busy spring semester

In the fall semester, I promised as Sports Editor not to conquer the world, but to make the right decisions regarding the SAC community sports coverage. This time around, I'll settle with surviving through the exciting and competitive season that's in its early stages.

el DON has received such high accolades as an All-American standing and top community college excellence ranking, and the sports department has been detrimental in both. With the numerous activities that enmesh a wide variety of SAC athletes and keep them busy in the spring, the task is once again a challenge. And I'm willing to face it and win for SAC and its fans.

Before entering the realm of spring sports, we must realize that basketball and wrestling are nearing their end. Rolland Todd's cagers fell short on the scoreboard twice over the semester break, losing to Fullerton, now the conference leader, and Mt. SAC, last year's co-champs with the Dons. It looks like it's going to be another exciting finish, this season, with the Hornets to decide the kingpin.

Frank Addleman's grapplers have coming to them what they've been waiting for -- the conference finals today at San Diego Mesa. The injury-ridden squad has had an "unbelievable" year, but all the frustrations can be alleviated after this weekend if the corps can function up to its coach's expectations. Leading the way will be undefeated Steve Draper, a 177 pounder from Mission Viejo High School.

Now, the more recent sports enter the field. Baseball has started off well with five straight wins. (See related story on this page.) Track will get its first team competition today at Mt. SAC. The swimmers are at the Santa Barbara Invitational today. Tennis will engage in its sixth contest today at L.A. Valley, while the women racqueteers hosted Saddleback last Tuesday after an opening match win last week. The newly formed men's volleyball group got a taste of competition on Tuesday and will host its own invitational tomorrow. Next Wednesday the women's softball team will tangle with L.A. City College.

Coach Howard Brubaker's track team has a busy schedule on the line. Today it tests Mt. SAC, then will run at the Long Beach Relays Feb. 26. Later, OCC will be the first team to come to SAC's new track and flex their muscles against the Dons.

The swimmers, under coach Robert Gaughran, defeated Mt. SAC last week 78-20 in the first SCC meet for both squads. With the energy crisis, the poolmen are in for a cold (water) season.

Here on the west coast with the beach and all, volleyball is a big sport. At SAC it was the biggest thing in a long time as the surprising women's squad were crowned national champs, with a 49-0 slate. Now, the men are in the picture. Under Coach Armen Guleserian, the spikers got into the fun last Tuesday, but results weren't available by press time.

The women's version of the racquet sport is in a predicament because coach Mary Mras doesn't know what to expect in Central League competition. But Mras is sure her team has improved, especially veterans Brandi Campbell and DiAnn Solinger, both from Garden Grove.

Lee Ramirez tennis squad has already been swinging its racquets. Seven more matches await the team, the next one coming on March 3 against OCC.

With six returning players, Coach Sally Palmer's softball nine will open its 1977 season next Wednesday at L.A. City College. An 18-game schedule features six home games, including the opener on March 9 against OCC.

Arlin Pirtle's golf teams, year in and year out, are among the finest in the state. Last year's SCC crown holders were just one group in the long line of fine squads. This season's team has quite a reputation to protect, and you can be sure they'll do just that. They have to, they play for Arlin Pirtle... not just another coach.

A busy spring semester, all right. But that's what'll make it more exciting. Who knows, maybe SAC will emerge with a few conference championships, but then, it may not. Whatever the case, this section of el DON will try to keep its readers in touch with the successes, failures and everything in between. If it doesn't, you know who to blame... but don't.

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Athletic Director Dave Valentine and SAC Pres. John Johnson listen to former el DON Sports Editor John White, now a RSCCD Trustee, as he addresses the crowd on hand.

(photo by Jim Reamy)

Reach's bunch in hot start

by Victor Cota

Spring is just around the corner, and that means it's baseball time. Coach Jim Reach's team knows that feeling well.

In fact, after a rain-shortened pre-season, the team is off to a good start. How far it'll go remains to be seen.

The Dons opened non-conference action three weeks ago with a 6-3, 10-inning victory over Mira Costa. They came home to their spacious and highly praised new field and dedicated it with a convincing 14-6 triumph over L.A. Southwest. Glendale was the next victim, as it fell 1-0. Then on Saturday, the Dons shut out Southwestern 14-0 and picked up their fifth win in a row Tuesday 7-0 over Pasadena.

"We're off to a good start," offered the third-year coach. "I'm happy to be winning, but we haven't played anybody of the caliber of the South Coast Conference.

"The teams we beat are not as good as our conference teams," the owner of a 39-33 record said. "Ironically, Southwestern has been the best team we've faced, and we beat them 14-0. But that's baseball."

Part of the sudden success is credited to the Don pitching staff, especially Marty Kain, who was drafted by the N.Y. Mets after his senior year at La Quinta High School but refused the

offer in order to attend SAC—a move Reach respects, saying, "I know he made the right decision." The 6-foot freshman has thrown 18 scoreless innings.

Another first-year man, Roger Reese, from El Modena High, has pitched eight no-run innings, while Jeff Orville has sparked in relief for eight episodes. Romie Perez, who has been bothered by a sore shoulder, saw limited action against Southwestern and is expected to recover in time for league play.

"Our pitching has been very good, but I'm reluctant to go overhead on it. The South Coast Conference is awful good. It remains to be seen if we will beat some of those teams," Reach cautioned.

What the coach meant is that Cerritos, always considered one of the finest clubs, was rated first in Southern California. Mt. SAC was slated fourth and SAC

tenth, followed closely by Fullerton and San Diego Mesa. Although, OCC was not ranked, the coach feels the Pirates "may be the best of everybody."

Success -- it's knocking on SAC's door. How much of it? It's hard to tell at this point. Reach isn't about to promise it... but he'd sure love to.

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